

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UNITED STATES DEFARTMENT OF COMMI United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Vignia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

ATTY. DOCKET NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. 041165-9080-00 10/520,298

Ralf Schroder genannt Berghegger

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP04/01924

I.A. FILING DATE

PRIORITY DATE

02/26/2004

07/15/2003

23409 MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH, LLP 100 E WISCONSIN AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

CONFIRMATION NO. 5075 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER *OC00000018181834*

Date Mailed: 03/03/2006

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

10/19/2005

01/15/2006

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/30/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/30/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/30/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/30/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/19/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 12/30/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/30/2004
- Power of Attorney filed on 10/19/2005

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

DEBORAH D WILLIAMS Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 205

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)